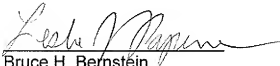


REMARKS

By the above amendment, the claim 1 has been amended and claim 2 has been cancelled to correspond to the amendments made under PCT Article 19 in the International Application. Also, the specification and claim 13 have been amended to correct minor matters. Therefore, no estoppel should be deemed to be associated with this amendment.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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